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- In spite of the recent completion of the financial agreement with the United States, Argentina has no intention of abandoning its neutral "Third Position." The Argentine government's relations with the Soviet and satellite diplomatic missions in Argentina have become noticeably more cordial, perhaps in an attempt to assure the USSR and the satellite countries that Argentina's nosition is still neutral.
- 2. Argentina's Minister of Foreign Affairs Hipolito Jesus Paz, Minister of Economy Roberto E. Ares, and Minister of Finance Alfredo Gomez Morales are actively courting the favor of the satellite missions. Dr. Paz is reported to have stated in the presence of the chiefs of the satellite missions that the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs intends to make every effort to strengthen friendly relations between Argentina and their countries. Paz is alleged to have stated that he has given orders to his subordinates to give favorable consideration and prompt action to all notes received from diplomatic representatives of those countries. Diplomatic notes from satellite missions which formerly were not answered by the Argentine Foreign Office for weeks or months are now being answered often within twenty-four or forty-eight hours after receipt. Dr. Paz is reported to have informed a minister from one of the satellite countries that the remarks made by the Argentine representatives at the time of the signing of the commercial treaty with Hungary were especially cordial and were intended to annoy United States officials in Washington. Roberto Ares and Gomez Morales told the Ministers of Hungary and Poland that they hoped that Argentina's commercial relations with "Russia's friends" would become increasingly close.

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